SINECURES IN THE SENATE.

Good, Fat Stipends and Practically Nothing to Do.

SWARMS OF SUPERNUMERARIES

The Pay Roll Shows That There Were Nearly Four Employes For Each Member-Some Favorites Drew Two Salaries.

The Senate Roster.

While the lower house of the last legislature employed one assistant to each of its one hundred members, the senate was far more liberal in providing for the friends of members, having a proportion of employes far in excess of the national scente, and which was exceeded by the senate of no other state. The list of officers and employes of the last state senate is astounding, considering the fact that only thirty-three members comprised that body. The pay roll shows that there were nearly four employes

for each senator, made up as follows: H. H. Shedd, lieutenant governor, 100 days, \$509.60; George D. Meiklejohn, president, 60 days, \$180; Walt M. Seeley, secretary, 150 days, \$600; V. C. Shickley, first assistant, 71 days, \$284; F. W. Hallingsworth. first assistant secretary, 40 days, \$100; E. O. Lewis, second assistant secretary, 107 days, \$438; J. H. Easterday, clerk committee of the whole, QI days, \$273; Paul Clark, book-keeper, 59 days, \$177; Fanny Ulen, book-keeper, 23 days, \$69; Nellie Wilson, assistant bookkeeper, 50 days, \$150; Gertrude Trevest, type writer, 72 days, \$116; W. D. Wildman, sergeant-at-arms, 91 days, \$278; Horman Westover, assistant, 91 days, \$278; J. G. Tate, westover, assistant, "i days, \$273; J. G. Tate, chaplain, 90 days, \$270; Perry Walker, postmaster, 'il days, \$273; James Ireland, assistant, 'il days, \$273; J. W. Brush, door keeper, 11 days, \$273; J. M. Saunders, first assistant floor keeper, 'il days, \$273; Joel Parcel, see Dor Resper, W. days, \$213; Jost Parcel, second assistant door keeper, 91 days, \$273; Nellie DePue, enrolling clerk, 118 days, \$339; Ada P. Olmstead, eurolling clerk, 118 days, \$330; W. H. H. Dunn, mail carrier, 63 days, \$230; W. A. Thomas, mail carrier, 15 days, \$22,50; H. Windell, mail carrier, 91 days, \$23, John R. Simsson, tenther, 91 days, \$273, John R. Simsson, tenther, 91 days, \$273, John R. 3273; John R. Simpson, janitor, 91 days, 5273; Henry Abbott, assistant janitor, 46 days, \$138; W. Allison, assistant janitor, 46 days, \$138; E. W. Blair, assistant janitor, 46 days, \$138; J. R. Bing, assistant janitor, 35 days, \$108; H. Clark, assistant janitor, 45 days, \$138; P. J. Coleman, assistant janitor, 48 days, \$144; Claude Deck, assistant janitor, 87 days, \$111; W. Eberson, assistant janitor, 91 days, \$273; A. W. Forbes, assistant janitor, 46 days, \$138; W. R. Gamble, assistant fanitor, 48 days, \$141; W. H. Graham, assist ant jaultor, 65 days, \$195; E. T. Piper, as sistant janitor, 92 days, \$176; E. I. Peper, assistant janitor, 92 days, \$276; R. Sweeney, assistant janitor, 65 days, \$195; B. P. Ward, assistant janitor, 92 days, \$270; Al Winkleman, assistant janitor, 72 days, \$216; M. V. Harbor, custodian, 91 days, \$278; George Whitman, assistant custodian, 91 days, \$273; V. H. Bond, page, 91 days, \$136.50; Albra M. Cook, president's page, 91 days, \$136.50; Homer Honeywell, page, 91 days, \$136.50; Charles Savidge, page committee engrossed and enrolled bills, 46 days, \$69; Annie Hays, page, 87 days, \$130.50; John Langdon, page, 91 days, \$136.50; Ray Leese, page, 91 days, \$135.59; Carl Randall, page, 91 days, \$136.50; Nellie Schoenheit, page, 49 days, \$73.50; Harian Wells, page, 91 days, (133.50; E. J. Babcock, messenger, 104 days, \$312; Frank Fossler, messenger committee room, 46 days, \$138; Paul S. Heffelman, secretary's messenger 91 Paul S. Heffelman, secretary's messenger 91 days, \$273; B. Ruffner, messenger, 50 days, \$75; A. A. Snell, messenger enrolled and engrossed bills, 91 days, \$273. G. Dolan, messenger committee room, 46 days, \$138; W. F. enger committee room, 46 days, \$138; W. F. Ware, messenger, 114 days, \$342; Elden Taggart, clerk committee finance, ways and means, 72 days, \$216; S. E. Thornton, clerk committee accounts and expenses, 59 days, \$147; J. E. Wheeler, 49 days, \$147; Charles Robbins, clerk committee public lands and buildings, 49 days, \$147; F. W. Hollingsworth, clerk committee public printing, 52 days, \$156; T. C. Munger, clerk committee claims, 46 days, \$138; W. T. Canada, clerk committee on penitentiary. 49 days, \$147; George Stultz, clerk commit-tee on penitentiary, 31 days, \$93; J. M. Cat-50n, clerk committee judiciary, 72 days, \$216; B. H. Goulding, clerk committee on school lands, 49 days, \$147; James Brinkerhoff, elerk committee insane hospital, 40 days, \$147; E. W. Blair, clerk committee miscellaneous subjects, 3 days, \$9; D. C. Clark clerk committee privileges and elections, 40 days, \$147; M. E. Getter, clerk committee redistricting and apportionment, 84 days, \$252 J. P. Higgins, clerk committee mines and mining, 49 days, \$147; J. S. Huff, clerk committee on medical legisla-tion, 49 days, \$147; R. F. Miller, clerk committee on charities, 49 days, \$147; Charles Miller, clerk committee live stock and grazing, 49 days, \$147; Paul Mariay, clerk committee on U. and N. S., 49 days, \$147; Jessie Morton, clerk committee on la-bor, 40 days, \$147; N. H. Riggs, cierk committee on municipal affairs, 49 days, \$147; George W. Stultz, clerk committee on bills, 49 days, \$147; J. C. Santee, clerk committee on reform school, 49 days, \$147; Henry Sprick, jr., clerk committee on manufac-gures, 49 days, \$147; J. B. Sides, clerk committee on emigration, 49 days, \$147; Mrs. E. S. Thompson, clerk committee C. and C. B., 49 days, \$147; R. C. Yeomans, committee in ternal improvements, 49 days, \$147. The following were clerks of the committee on engrossed and enrolled bills, being 24 in Hattie Andrus, 49 days, \$147; Alice Carse, 112 days, \$336; Annie Chesney, 93 days, \$279; Belle Corbin, 49 days, \$147; E. S. Cook, 97 days, \$291; Anna Davis, 106 days, \$318; Flora Gregory, 40 days, \$120; R. Hol-lingsworth, 114 days, \$342; Lou M. Hays, 91 days, \$273; M. S. Kent, 99 days, \$207; Cora Lee, 49 days, \$147; Nettle Lininger, 49 days, \$147; Mary Mitch-cll, 88 days, \$261; Clara Mercer, 94 days, \$252; R. B. McCandless, 80 days, \$240; Etta Newman, 88 days, \$240; May Pickett, 100 days, \$300; Mamie Regnier, 49 days, \$147; S. E. Savidge, 49 days, \$147; Lilian Sterling, 95 days, \$285; F. L. Upton, 49 days, \$147; Fanny Ulan, 40 days, \$120; J. Woods, 91 days, \$376; Uian, 40 days, \$120; J. Woods, 91 days, \$376; Eva Wilcox, 88 days, \$264; Laura Downing, copy clerk for secretary, 27 days, \$31; Frank Raphail, bill clerk, 104 days, \$112; F. A. Wright, bill clerk, 99 days, \$2,7; Charles Miller, assistant bill clerk, 27 days, \$31; A. L. Wiggins, 43 days, \$129; S. Gould, proof reader, 103 days, \$306; Cora Lee, copy bolder, 23 days, \$39; A. M. Russell, copy-holder, 103 days, \$39; A. M. Russell, copy-holder, 103 days, \$39; Thomas J. Kild, fireman, 61 days, \$195; Ed Morgan, fireman, 68 days, \$204; T. M. Sanders, watchman, \$201; R. C. Wright, watchman, 42 days, \$125; P. Roman, keeper of closet, 45 days, \$125; P. Roman, keeper of closet,

\$135; P. Roman, keeper of closet The above list comprises 124 employes and officers costing the state \$14,955,60.
Some of them were fortunate enough to be by a crose perusal of the list, thereby draw-

ing pay for alleged services in a dual capacity

Escaped in a Trunk.

Sr. Louis, Jan. 1.—(Special Telegram to Tus Bgs.)—Thomas Vines, who robbed his employers, the Adams & Westlake Manufacturing company of Chicago, of \$4,500 last Saturday, arrived in St. Louis to-day, and is now in jail. He made half of the journey from Chicago in a big trunk, being checked as baggage from that city by some confederate last night. He is six feet tall, and before covering half the distance he intended to make in his novel and secret flight, his cramped position drove him to call for help, and the bagyagemen on the train released him from the trunk, and to show their admiration for his nerve, allowed him to ride on into the city, where, after he had told a tale of suffering and poverty, a purse was made up among thetrain men at the depot and given him. He seemed anxious to get possession of his trunk, and that eventully ted to an examination of it, and the finding of the money. Vines, instead of paying off the men Saturday, ran off with the funds. and with the assistance of a friend secured a trunk and bored tea small air holes in the sides of it. Then he got in and the trunk
was locked, and he was checked through to
St. Louis. He has made a full confession of
his guilt.

The Weather Indic tions. For Nobraska: Fair, colder, except in extreme eastern portion nearly stationary temperture; variable winds.
For lowa: Fair, warmer: southeasterly winds, fresh to brisk along the laires.
For Dakota: Fair, colder; westerly winds. COLORED CATROLICS.

The First National Convention in Session at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—The national con rention of colored Catholics, composed of delegates from nearly all the colored Catholic churches and societies throughout the country, met here this morning in Saint Augustine colored Catholic church. Every seat in the church was occupied when Father Talton, of Quincy, III., the only colored Catholic priest in the United States, began the celebration of solomu high mass. Immediately in front of and beneath the pulpit sat his eminence Cardinal Gibbons, who delivered the sermon. At the conclusion of the sermon the cardinal wetcomed the delegates. This gathering, said he will mark an era in the history of the colored people of the United States, for never before had the colored Catholies met in convention. He trusted that the deliberations of the convention will be conventionable to the convention of the convention o tion would be marked by moderation and discretion. The actions of the convention would be watched by the country, not with the simily eyes of friendship, but with the sharp eyes of criticism. He suggested that the convention discuss the situation of children, and religious education necessary to the life of the republic. Temporary or-ganization was affected and the convention adjourned until to-morrow.

BOUND OVER.

A Newspaper Editor Charged With

Publishing Obscene Literature. DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 1 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |- The Davison-Williamson case is still a subject of comment and amusement here and at Perham. L. Ed. Davison, publisher of the Perham Bulletin, was arrested by C. D. Williamson of that town, upon the charge of publishing obscene literature and circulating it through the mails. It seems that Davison in the issue of his paper dated November 21, assailed Williamson most bitterly, publishing a picture of a jackass which referred to Williams, and styling him a curse to the community in which he lived. The trial occurred before United States Commissioner D. S. Griffin, at Detroit, in which Davison was bound over in \$1,50) to appear before the next term of the court. The case has attracted much at tention in this part of the state, where both men are well known. A duel is certain.

Cass County Farmers' Alliance. Wanasu, Neo., Jan. 1 .- To the Editor of THE BEE: The following preamble and reso lutions were passed unanimously by the Cass county Farmers' alliance at its last meeting:

Whereas, The state board of transportation is deceiving the people by the state-ment that the productions of this state, in cluding wheat, corn, oats, cattle and hogs. are carried to market at a less rate per ton per mile than the same products of lowa are carried, and that tumber and coal are shipped into this state at a less rate per ton per nile than the same goods are shipped to the

consumers of lowa; and Whereas, The state pourd of transportation has wilfully disregarded the interests of the people, by rescinding the order made July 5, 1888, reducing freight rates in this state; therefore

Resolved. That we believe the state board of transportation was created solely in the interests of the railroads, and intended from the start to defeat the peoples' will, and we demand of our legislature the repeal of the law creating said board of transportation, and we further demand a law fixing the same schedule of freight rates in this state as are now in force in the state of lowa.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the course pursued by Attorney General Leese in refusing to become a party to deception and betray the people by supporting the resolution passed by the board, rescinding and dismissing the order made July 5, 1888.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the county papers and to THE OMAHA BEE, Lincoln Call and Nebraska City Press for publication.

B. F. Simon, President.

B. F. ALLEN, Secretary.

Banks Consolidate. KANSAS CITY, Jan. 1 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. | — To-morrow the entire business and good will of the Armour Brothers' Banking company will be transferred to the Midland National bank of this city. Both banks are prosperous, and the reason for the consolidation is that Mr. A. W. Armour, president of the Armour Brothers' bank, desires to be relieved from the duties and responsibilities of his position. The name will still be the Midland National bank, and Mr. A. W. Armour will be vice-president. Armour Brothers' Banking company began business September 15, 1878, and there has been no change in the officers or stocknolders up to the present time. It has always been regarded as one of the solid institutions of the city,

dealing. The cupital stock of the new bank will be \$500,000. Gave the Wrong Signal. HIAWATHA, Kan., Jan. 1 .- | Special Telegram to Tue Bee. |-This afternoon about 3:30 p. m., two St. Joe & Grand Island freight trains collided at the Rea Rock curve, near this city. Both engines were demolished and several cars of merchandise entirely ruined. Brakeman Watson gave a wrong signal, leaving the conductor in the depot re colving orders. The brakeman was badly injured. The wreck delayed No, 4 several

and enjoyed a national reputation for square

Died on the Cars. WALTHAM, Mass., Jan. 1.-Churles N. Woorde died yesterday on the cars while en route from Los Augeles to San Francisco He was born in Holland seventy years ago and came to this town in early life. He did much to promote the growth of American watch making by the invention of many machines for the making of different parts of

Death of Colonel Dent. Sr. Louis, Jan. 1 .- Colonel John C. Dont. brother-in-law of General Grant, died at his home in Carthage, Mo., early this morning, aged seventy-three years. Colonel Dent served with distinction in the Mexican war, and also in the war of the rebellion.

Marriage at Bellwood. BELLWOOD, Neb., Jan. 1 .- [Special to THE BEE.]-F. W. Hewit and Miss Minnie Hutchinson were married this morning at the residence of the bride's father.

California Minerals. San Francisco, Jan. 1 .- The annual review of the Chronicle states that the value of California's mineral products in 1888 was



The importance of purifying the blood cannot be overestimated, for without pure blood you cannot enjoy good health.

good medicine to purify, vitalize, and earich the blood, and Hood's Sarsaparilla is wor by your confidence. It is peculiar in that it strengthens and builds up the system, creates an appetite, and tones the digestion, while it eradicates disease. Give it a trial.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is sold by all druggists. Prepared by C. L. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. 100 Doses One Dollar

THE PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION.

How New Year's Day was Observed at the White House.

A MOST BRILLIANT SCENE.

The Rooms Resplendent With Flowers and Decorations-A Description of the Most Notable Costumes Worn.

A Profusion of Flowers.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 .- The white house has seldom, if ever, presented a more bril liant spectacle than it did to day on the occasion of the president's New Year's reception. There was a profusion of flowers and plants, which were distributed with charming effect. The most elaborate floral decorations were in the east room. The mantels were banked with flowers and festoones of grass, and ferns were suspended from the large chandeliers. Tall palms were placed in the windows and corners, and tropical plants of all kinds lined the corridor ru nning through the center of the house. A part of the lower floor was illuminated by gas, but the sunlight was given a full play in the east room. The weather was bright, sunshiny and cold, and in fact everything was most auspicious. The reception began at 11 o'clock at which hour the receiving party descended the stairs and took their places in the blue parlor. As they appeared in sight the murine band, which was stationed in the main hall, started "Hall to the Chief," and continued playing until the party had taken their positions. A passageway was made for them through the crowd that had already gathered in the house. They came in the following order: Colonel Wilson and Lieutenant Duyall, of Secretary Bayard and Mrs. Cleveland: Secretary Fairchild and Mrs. Whitney; Secretary Whitney and Mrs. Dickinson, and Secretary Whitney Whitn retary Vilas and Postmaster General Dickin They took their places, with President Mrs. Cleveland first in line, and then Miss Bayard, Mrs. Fairchild, Mrs. Whitne and Mrs. Dickinson in the order named. Grouped behind them were a number of invited

vited guests, including Mrs. Fol-som, Miss Mary Hastings, Miss Carrie Hastings, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Chief Justice Fuller, Mrs. Speakor Carlisle, Miss Florence Bayard, Miss Vilas. Miss Pauline Whitney, Mrs. Lamont, Mrs. Lincklaen, Mr. George Bancroft, Hon. Hugh McCutlough, Mrs. Colonel Wilson, Mrs. Wil-McCullough, Mrs. Colonel Wilson, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Marshal Wilson, Miss Mary Wilson, Mrs. Senator Butler, Mrs. Senator Call, Mrs. Cockrell, Mrs. Daniel, Mrs. Hearst, Mrs. Pugh, Miss Voorhees, Mrs. Walthall, Mrs. A. Leon Vnott, Mr. Lucius Tuckerman, Samuel G. Ward, Mrs. John F. Rodgers, Mrs. W. C. P. Breckinridge, Mrs. McAdoo, Mrs. John F. Russell, Miss Randall, Mrs. Springer, Mrs. R. W. Townshend, Miss Leiter, Miss Lieter, Miss Howard, Miss Thornton, Mrs. Gouvenus Howard, Miss Thornton, Mrs. Gouvenus Morris, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Macveagh, Mr. and Mrs. Glenny, of Buffalo;

Judge Daley, of New York.

The president wore a black Prince Albert suit with black tie. Mrs. Cleveland wore a beautiful robe of pale pink faille, made with a round train, corsage rounded at the top, and short sleeves. The front of the skirt was draped in a silver embroidered net that had a fringe of bugles at the foot; on either side were plain panels of soft French silk, embroidered in the pattern of rose buds in silver. The back of the panels were edged with heavy Russian fur that commenced at the waist line, and continued around the pink train. The back of the dress was princess shaped and pink folds on the waist, fastened with pearl embroidery. The front was jacket shaped, rounded, and fell over a full vest of pink silk, draped with a white net. The sleeves of pink were short puffs, edged on the arm with pearl bands. The low body was edged with heavy fur. She were a diamond necklace and diamond star in her hair, that was dressed in loops on the top of her Her gloves were of a soft pearl color

Miss Bayard, who stood next, wore a shor iress of blue brocade, with pointed body back and front, upon which were laid folds of gauze. Sprays of white lilac adorned the body, and a kirtle of gauze was draped about the upper part of the skirt. The sleeves were cut to the elbow, and her hair was iressed high with a blue feather.

Mrs. Fairchild wore a trained dress f plain colored silk, body cut low and the train was of silk. The front was draped with frills of lace, and he petticont was of dull white satin. Across the front of the low body was tied a fichu of lace, knotted to one side.

Mrs. Whitney wore a superb gown of

white brocade, made with high bodice and a train. Down the front of the bodice and skirt were folds of yellow satin and gold em proidery. A high collar was fastened with three-stone diamond pin. She wore a great diamond in the gold embroidery of her ce, and a diamond spray in her hair er shoulder was a large ruby set with dia-

Mrs. Dickinson's dress was of pale green silk, embroidered in silver, with a train of the same material. The front was draped in pale green tulie, and the low body was draped in tulie. She wore a black ribbon about her throat.

The usual cabinet receptions were held this The British legation was repre sented by Michael Herbert, charge d'affairs

and George Barciny. The most striking costumes were those worn by the representatives of China, Rus-sia, France and Corea, Hadji Hassien Khouli Kahn, the new Persian minister, however, at tracted the most attention. He is the first representative of that country accredited to the United States. The column was headed by Count Fava, the Italian minister, the cldest in point of residence at this capitol of of those in attendance. It was explained that Mr. Preston, the Haytian minister, who is dean of the corps, was prevented from taking his accustomed place at the head of the line, by reason of pressing ousiness, which required his presence in

Secretary Bayard presented the diplomate to the president and Mrs. Cleveland, and then departed to his residence to preside at a breakfast given in their honor. He left the white house in company with his daughters. Colonel Wilson and Lieutenent Duvall then took places near the president and Mrs. Cieveland and introduced all who followed. The justices of the supreme court, headed by Chief Justice Fuller, came first, and were followed in rapid succession by the justices of the court of claims and judiciary of the District of Columbia. Nearly all the judges were in attendance, the principal judges were in attendance, the principal still confined to his residence by ill-health.
The next feature of the reception, the army and navy, was probably the most interesting of all. The army officers were first pre-sented. The recent affliction in the family of sented. The recent affliction in the family of Major General Schoffeld, commanding the army, prevented his presence, and the line was headed by Brigadier General Hayner (ratired), and Brigadier General Henet, chief of ordnance, senior ranking officers in the city. Nearly all the officers stationed in this vicinity were present, and of course all were in full uniform. Among those in the the line were Generals Drum, Kelton, Macfeely, Baird, McKeever, and many younger officers, who have made records in campaigns

against the Indians.

The column of navai officers was headed by Admiral Porter and Rear Admiral Jouett. Rear Admiral Russell, and Commodores Walk er, Sicard, Melville and Colonel McCowley occupied places near the head of the line. The senators and representatives were assigned places ahead of the army and navy, but they were nearly all late and took places wherever most convenient. They were less

is number than usual The congressional delegation was followed closely by the commissioners of the District of Columbia, officers of the Smithsonian In-The close of the official line was composed of veterans of the war of 1846, and members of the oldest inhab-

tants association. So far the recention had occupied over an hour and a half and the President and Mrs. Cleveland had kept up a constant handshak-ing. The reception was, however, just about half over. At 12:30 o'clock the outer doors were thrown open and the general public was admitted. The first comers of this vast crowd had taken places at the outer gates before 10 o'clock. The attendance was larger than on any similar occasion during the present administration. The reception closed at 2 o'clock and a few guests invited by the president joined the receiving party in a light lunch served in the upper corridor.

AMUSEMENTS.

"The Donagh" Is not the most popular of Joe Murphy's plays, and yet, it drew two large audiences at the Grand opera house yesterday. It ranks higher, however, as a literary production than does either "Kerry Gow" or "Shaun Rhue." Some of the scenes are lengthy and pressic. Others are full of passion and serve to attract and retain the interest of the agritor to the close. In the leading role, Mr. Murphy, always acceptable, is very effective. His characterization is a combination of devotion, heroism and sagnety. It differs slightly from those he assumes in other plays, but at times attains to an intensity of passion which is in no other character do. passion which is in no other character de manded of him. He was repeatedly called before the curtain, an honor which was also conferred upon the heavy villain of the piece, the impersonator of whom certainly did ome very clever heavy work.

Incidental to "The Donagh" is a pano-ramic view of the Lakes of Killarney, which is appropriately introduced the while the hero and heroine are taking a boat ride over the tranquil waters of the legendary lakes. Mr. Murphy's company afforded him excel-

THE CITY COUNCIL.

Lee Chosen President-Bechel Grows Quite Personal.

Last night the old city council held their ast session, and unanimously passed resolutions of thanks to the president of the council and the city clerk for their services in the past. A solid silver gavel was presented to President Bechel, and then the new council took their seats. In his retiring address, the ex-president referred in very bitter terms *to the mayor. After a short sharp fight, Councilman Lee was elected president of the council and

Joe Southard city clerk, and then the committees for the year were named. Councilmen Hascall, Ford, O'Connor, Sayder and meeting adjourned until 7 o'clock this even

The Appropriation Bills.

Washington, Jan. 1.-The prospects tomorrow are that the house will immediately proceed to the consideration of some of the appropriation bills now on the calendar. The river and harbor bill has the right of way of the appropriation bills, and Chairman Blanchard will call it up for further consideration the first thing to-morrow. He intends to push its consideration, and will try to se care an early vote upon it.
Unfinished business is the bill to incorpor-

ate the Nicaragua Canal company, which has been favorably reported to the house with amendments from the committee of the whole. Friends of the bill will call it up on Friday and try to secure a vote on it.

December Weather.

Washington, Jan. 1 .- An extract from the weather crop bulietin, issued by the signal office to-day, says: During the month of December the weather has been unfavorable in the winter wheat section, owing to the small amount of rain and snow. At the close of the year the entire winter wheat section was in need of moisture, and bare, except in northern Iowa, where the ground is covered with six inches of snow. From six to thirteen inches of snow was reported on the ground at the end of the month in Wiscon-sin and northern Michigan, and from one to wo inches in Minnesota and Dakota.

A New Year's Gift. DUBLIN, Jan. 1.-At the league meeting in this city to-day Donald! Sullivan, member of the commons for the southwest, congratulated the league on the fact that the year closed with unabated confidence in the cause. The Irish people, he said, had received a New Year's gift in the atrocious sentence of Harrington. The magistrate passing the sentence might rely on enjoying for many years the reputation of being the meanest and basest tool enjoyed by the Balfour gov

Their Cousin Skipped. CHICAGO, Jan. 1 .- Henry Horner & Co. whotesale grocers, are minus \$15,000 and their city collector, a relative of one of the members of the firm, is missing. "Cousin Lewis," as they speak of him, obtained a marriage license yesterday to wed Miss Bishop. Then he collected all the money he could from the creditors of Horner & Co., discounting the bills He made no returns to his employ

Blockaded With Freight. CLEVELAND, Jan. 1 .- A special from Livea,

)., says: The yards of the Lake Erie & Western in this city are blockaded with freight trains, which were run in after the strike of the yard men last night, and to-day ne freight brakemen decided to back up the yardmen and have all refused to work, notwithstanding the fact that their wages were raised to-day. The total number of men out is about seventy-five.

The Tariff Bill.

Washington, Jan. 1.-Under the agreenent made respecting the tariff bill the senate will meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock, and continue so to do until a vote is taken on the passage of the bill. After miscellaneous business is disposed of, consideration of the tariff bill will be resumed, and it will have the right of way over all other measures until action is taken on the 21st inst.

Murder at a Wyoming Dance. CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 1 .- John Lenhardt,

Finland laborer, shot and instantly killed Ed Higgins, son of a merchant, at a dance in the section house at Evanston Saturday night. The murderer fled, but was captured y a posse after a fight, in which a deputy sheriff was killed.

Beat His Mother. Mason City, Ia., Jan. 1 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-Norman Suller was jailed to-day for shamefully beating his aged On several occasions he has cruelly misused her, and the last time narrowly es-caped being treated to a coat of tar and feathers.

A Land Slide.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Jan. 1 .- Special Tele ram to THE BEE. -There was a land slide in the cut just at the east end of the railroad bridge this forenoon. A freight train passing through the cut at the time was buried. The cut at this point is 100 feet deep, and it will take several days to clear the approach to

Struck a Reef. NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 1.-The steamer

Natchez struck a reef near Lake Providence tais morning and sunk. There was no loss of life, but the boat and cargo are a total She was valued at \$70,000, and insured Valuable Stallion Sold

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 1 .- Sentinel Wilkes, bay stallion six years old, was sold last night by W. H. Crawford, of this county, to W. Crance, owner of Red Wilkes, for \$25,000 He is by George Wilkes by Sentinel.

The Captain the Only Survioor. WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.-The department of state has received a telegram from the United States consul at St. Johns, N. F., stating that the American brig Atalaya Brown master, from Rouen to Philadelphia is a total loss at Renews. The captain is the only survivor.

Colorado's Mines. DENVER, Jan. 1 .- Estimated output of Colo rado mines for 1888: \$25,061,546, of which \$3,105,519 is gold; \$17,025,028 silver; \$5,776,55 lead, \$153,847 copper.

Hunting For a Forger. Boston, Jan. 1 .- The police are searching for H. G. Stackney, of Cheisea, charged with forgery. He was in the employ of the Chel sea Salt company. It is believed his defaica-tion will reach \$25,000.

NEW YEAR'S DAY AT BERLIN.

The Emperor's Remarks Were Without Special Significance.

PRINCE BISMARCK BETTER.

But He Will Not Be Present at the Opening of the Landtag or Pur-

ticipate in the Debates-

Foreign News.

The Emperor's Reception.

Bertin, Jan. 1.—The emperor's remarks luring the reception to-day were without special interest. He singled out from the persoanges passing before him Count Herbert Bismarck, Herr Von Wedell-Piesdorf, General Count Von Schellendorf, Count Zecheny, the Austrian ambassador, and several others, speaking a few words to each, The day's ceremonies were ushered in by trumpeters blowing the reveille outside the palace chapel at 1 o'clock. Divine service

the chapel was attended by the emperor and empress, Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia, Prince Albert of Prussia, Prince George of Saxony, Prince Leopold of Bavaria, Grand Duke and Grand Duches of Baden, Grand Duke of Hess, Duke and Duchess of Saxe-Meinin, and a brilliant array of generals commanding various army corps. After the service there was a general reception of court and ministerial officials, a long train defiling before the emperor and empress. The ladies were in half

mourning.

A reception was held in the white salon of Chloss, and was distinct from the special audience accorded to foreign ambassadors. At the latter reception the emperor is reported as having addressed each representa-tive of the great powers with the same formula, expressing his desire for the continuance of cordial relations. The official communication issued this evening states that the emperor refrained from special refrence to the political situation.

Prince Bismarck's attack of neuralgic

gout is abating, but he is unable to fix the date for the coming to Berlin. He will certainly not be able either to be present at the opening of the landtag or to participate in the colonial debates in the reichstag.

The emperor and empress sent Prince Bismarck a costly Christmas gift. The emperor sent a long autograph letter, express ng gratitude for Bismarck's recovery. The landtag will be opened by the emperor. The session will be an interesting one. The government measures include bills dealing with the police administration in the eastern provinces, clerical education in Posen, and extension of railways on the eastern fron-

tier. For the last named purpose Minister Maybach wants a credit of 45,000,000 marks, The public prosecutor, to-day, served upon Geffeken an ladictment for high treason. It is a voluminous document, indicating a long trial and calling numerous witnesses trial will likely begin at Leipsic, at the end of January. The insictment traces the en-tire working life of Geffeken, in trying to prove that he had been a persistent enemy of Jerman unity.

The first snow fall this winter occurred

An Assurance of Peace. PESTS, Jan. 1.—The liberal members of the diet to-day waited upon Premier Tisza and

offered him New Year's congratulations. Tisza in his reply said: "In the foreign political situation, the alliance of the central European powers offers the most prominent guarantee of peace. I may, without risk of lisappointment, give expression to the hope hat with this alliance and in view of the fact that there is not a state in Europe abso utely desirous of war, that we shall succeed in preserving this year to the blessings of peace and thus continue undisturbed in the

work of progress." Herr Tisza's declaration is bailed as an assurance of a year's peace. Nevertheless Russia is preparing to face the contingency of an immediate conflict. Although the frontier provinces and from Bessarabia northward are already swarming with sol-

diers and more continue to arrive. Sympathy for France. VIENNA, Jan. 1 .- Herr Rieger, chief of the zech party, writing to M. De Craio, French inbassador her declares ezech's, without distinction of party, have the sincerest sympathy for France, and that, "It is impossible hat such a noble nation, the foremost in the fight of progress and civilization, can be dis-placed from the rank it has always occupied

among the European nations.'

A New Political Group. VIENNA, Jan. 1 .- A new political group is eing formed at Belgrade, siming at the territorial extension of Servia. The group is omposed of moderate liberats and radicals, and is pledged to raise the question of Ausand is picuged to raise the question of Austrian occupation of Bosnia. King Milan is intriguing with the leaders of the group, although warned by Count Kalnoky that he does so at the risk of loss of Austrian sup-

A Missing Vessel. LONDON, Jan. 1.—Great anxiety is felt conerning the safety of the new steamer Guif of Guayaguil, which sailed from Liverpool December 24 for Valparaiso. Two life boats, life buoys and a quantity of wreckage belonging to the vessel have been washed

ashore at Fish Guards, Wales. An Untrustworthy Report.

London, Jan. 1.—Gladstone telegraphs as follows: The Tablet's version of my letter to the Marquis de Riso, touching the position of the pope, is untrustworthy. The statement that I recommended international arbitration upon the Roman question is correct under the present circumstances.

Two Mutes Drowned. Columbus, O., Jan. 1-Charles Swift an Jacob Reislock, pupils at the institute for deaf and dumb, were drowned to day by the breaking of the ice on the pond.

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Little Lizzie Rollins, born in Marne Cass county, Iowa, last week, has six grandmothers, the eldest, her greatgreat-grandmother, being ninety-seven

A new voicano is reported from To-

baseo, Mexico. It spurts forth large streams of red water.

THE ECGIPSE.

The Conditions Generally Favorable For Observations.

SAN PRANCISCO, Jan. L.—The conditions vere generally favorable to-day, both in California and Nevada, for a clear observation of the total eclipse of the sun. In this city the eclipse was only partial. The totality in California was from fifty to one hundred miles north of San Francisco and trains from this city this morning convoyed a large number of people to various points favorable for observation,

The weather at Marysville was very clear. The first contact was about 12:30. Several streaks of lightning were observed during the totality. Several photograpus were made during the totality and the views will be sent to Amherst college.

Prof. Holden, of the Lick observatory, elegraphs to the Associated press that the reginning of the celiose was successfully observed at that point and also the last contact. Photographs were taken at Oroville. ud obscured the view of totality good view was had up to within a few minutes of that period. The conditions were all favorable at St.

The conditions were all tavorable at St. Helena. The nearest approach to totality was at 1:50, when the observers noticed plainly with the nuked eye a narrow circle of light on the northeasterly side of the sun's disc, and in an instant the bright spars was transferred to the other side.

A party from the Lick observatory in charge of Prof. Keller, made successful observations at Bartiess Springs. Prof. Keller telegraphs of the Associated press that the

corona was beautifully distinct, and that he saw a remarkable change in the length of the coronal lines. Prof. Barnard obtained nine photographs, Prof. Hill photographed all the contacts, and studied the structure of the inner corona, Prof. Senschner made seven measures of light during totality. Prof. Louis Smith, director of the Warner observatory. Rochester, was stationed at Nelson, Cal., and telegraphed the Associated press as follows: The eclipse, so far as affording an opportunity to search for intramercurial planets is concerned, was a failure on account of the clouds and haze. All four contacts were made well. Five very small, colorless pro-

tuberances were seen, all having pointed apexes. Near the point of one was another, detached from the sun. Bailey's beads were seen at the second and third contacts, but unlike those seen at Denver in 1878, no bronosphere was visible, though looked for Mercury, Venas, Vega and Alpha Cygni were seen. The corona could not be drawn, but as seen through the telescope it was not very extensive. Reports from many other points in Cali-

fornia and Nevada state that the celipse was observed with great interest. A very de-cided drop in the temperature during the period of totality was noticed and at some points the stars were visible as plain as at night.

Sparks From the Wires. Thomas Ayworthy, the defaulting treasurer of Cleveland, O., is on his way from London to Canada.

While playing soldier yesterday morning, a six-year-old son of John Sutter, of Lima, fired a shot gan at his eighteen year-old brother, inflicting a fatal wound. Private funeral services over the remains of the late Mrs. Schoffeld were held yester-day evening at Washington.

The conference between Chicago, Burling ton & Quincy officials and the brotherhood committee will be resumed to day. It is thought a settlement will be effected at thi

Louis Homer, a Chicago embezzier, arrested at Montreal vesterday. He will be extradited on the charge of forgery. Eight persons were drowned at Castle naine, in the colony of Victoria, Australia. The steamer Anchoria, just arrived at New York, reports a rough experience with a tidal wave December 24.

George H. Thomas Post, No. 17, the oldest G. A. R. post in Indianapolis, held its regular annual installation last night. General Harrison, who was present, made a brief ad

The joint committees of the Presbyterian church for the north and south, concluded its conference to-day. It was announced that nothing had been done. Another meeting will be held at Atlanta, Ga., April 24.

Povoukkepsie, N. Y., Jan. 1.—New Year' day was celebrated by vice-president-elees Martin and family, at his mussion at Rhine beck, by inviting all his employes and their children and the children belonging to the sewing class taught by his daughters during the summer to a festi-

King Humbert yesterday received at the Guirinal inal members of the cham-of deputies who wished to New Year's congratulations.

The Socialist Congress.

VIENNA, Jan. I .- The meeting of the

cialist congress at Hainfeld has been marked

GOVERNOR HILL'S INAUGURAL

The Ceremony Conducted with Much Pomp and Display.

CHANGES IN ELECTION LAWS

Recommended in His Annual Message-Proposed Constitutional Amendment in Regard to the Presidential Term.

Created a Sensation.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 1. The state senate was to-day organized by the election of J. Sloat Fassett, secretary of the republican national committee, to the presidency protem. Fremont Cole was elected speaker of the assemble.

The inauguration of Governor Hill was nducted with much circumstance and dissy. While reading his unusal message the vernor created some sensation when he aployed these words: "The necessity of some change in our election laws, whereby the increasing corruption which has become incident to our elections, may be prevented, is imporative. It is believed the late presidential election was the most corrupt of any in the history of the country, so far as the direct use of money was concerned, in in-fluencing electors, and public sentiment is naturally awakened to the desirability of of some relief. The peculiar cause which in duced this immense corruption is apparent Anxiety to subserve selfish and private ad vantages rather than the general interests of the public, naturally led to the campaign being conducted upon alleged 'business' principles, whereby it is asserted the electors were bought and sold like goods and chattels in open market. It is claimed that at least \$100,000 were expended in the Twentieth and Twenty-fourth congressional districts in this state, in the efforts made therein to elect congresmen and secure electors be favorable to the policy of private interests. So successful have been the recent efforts at corrupting the ballot box, that good citizens are led to doubt whether the free and unbiased sentiments of the people may not continue to be nullified through corruption, whenever and as often as it appears that the interests of the people conflict with the interests of the monopolists, who, profligate of their money, are intent upon resisting all inter-ferences with their selfish and arrogant de-

Governor Hill recommended that a joint solution of the legislature urge congress to adopt constitutional amendments regarding the presidential term and provision for expressions. Governor Hill's recommendations are: dirst, that the term of office of president and vice-president shall be six years; second, that the president shall be including for realection, that the president shall be including for realection, that the terms of the state of the shall be included. eligible for re-election; third, that the presi-dent shall immediately upon the expiration of his term, become a member of the United States senate for life, and receive an appropriate salary. This amendment shall apply to all living ex-presidents.

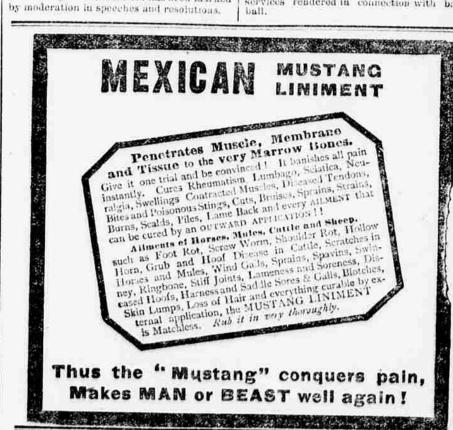
A Thorough Rascal.

The idea entertained of a thorough rescal by the people of Coleridge, Neb., is partrayed by the Sentinal of that place, which remarks: Some miserable low-lived sneak thief and genuine son-of-a-gun on general principles, stole the robe from the signal pole on Christ mas night, and the result was no signal report next day. The contemptible wretch who would perpetrate such an act is not one whit higher in the scale of humanity than the dastard who stole the coppers from a dead man's eyes. A man who will belittle himself to this extent is not too good to crawl unbidden into his neighbor's coal nouse for fuel, or into his friend's barn for a horse, only that the latter act would be more commendable. It is to be sincerely hoped by respectable citizens that the cur merely borrowed it to bang himself with, and that ae will not fail to fulfill the good resolution.

Dr. Kensington, specialist, 1020 K st., Lincoln, Nebraska.

Western Amatuer Athletes. Cancago, Jan. 1 .- At a meeting of the

board of management of the Western Association of Amateur Athletes held to day, constitution and by-laws were adopted and officers re-elected. The Referee of this city was appointed the official organ. Daniel Wilson, the official starter and George S. Rhodes and S. A. Milesofficial huma cappers. The first annual meet, mg is to be held at St. Louis in the fall. The association decided that acconfice no smaleur must receive remuneration of any kind for services rendered in connection with base-



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